IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 ON MCS IN THAILAND

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IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 ON MCS IN THAILAND AND ADAPTATIONS
Impacts on fisheries

COVID-19 affects on living of fishermen.

The government's curfew declaration has made travel difficult.

Prohibition of traveling across provinces in each province, affecting fishing. : Prachuap, Chumphon, Songkhla, Phuket
Impacts on fisheries

Chain of fish raw material.

Sources

Aquaculture
Captured
Thai flag vessels
Foreign flag vessels

FMC
PIPO
PSM
Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC)

- Most operations use electronic systems: VMS.
- Reduce number of officers who operate at the center.
- Most officers work from home.
- Check in and check out through Line application 24 hours.
Port in and Port out control (PIPO)

Preparing manual to PIPO control center for set standard.

Changing the method for inspecting the vessel at port
1. Same previous SOP
2. Reduce the number of inspector who inspect at port.
3. Inspect via video conference.
4. Inspect via picture with locality and time stamp

Keep distance  
Live video  
Via application
Port state measure (PSM)

- Request the AREP via application.
- The officer responsible for the AREP inspection can perform the duties at home.
- The officers who inspect at port perform the same duties as before in case of the vessel are suspicious.
- In case of normal vessels, the inspector will not inspect on board but they will request the document at port.
MITIGATION OF IMPACTS
Mitigation

During curfew the fishing is exempted.
DOF has issued the Department of Fisheries notification to allow the extension of seaborne until November 2020 to mitigate inconvenience situations from COVID-19 for foreign workers who work as the crew.
Mitigation

DOF supported for registration farmer who is a fisherman. Lead to the fisherman have right to get 5,000 bt/month for 3 months from the government.
Mitigation

DOF has helped to find the sea food distribution channel: Online market, point distribution products at DoF and local office.
THANK YOU